

Access to Recovery Grant

Missouri was one of 14 states and one tribal organization to be awarded an Access to Recovery (ATR) grant by the Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

The Office of the Governor is the grant recipient and has designated the Department of Mental Health, Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse, to administer the funds. The total award is **\$7.6 million per year** for each of the three grant years for a total of approximately \$22.8 million.

The Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse is currently negotiating with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to finalize the details of the program.

The Division will be required to ensure that the following goals are met in administering the funds:

Consumer Choice. Ensure genuine, free, and independent client choice for substance abuse clinical treatment and recovery supports.

Increased Capacity. Improve access and increase capacity for substance abuse treatment and recovery supports.

Faith-Based and Nontraditional Providers. Engage faith-based and nontraditional community providers in providing a broader spectrum of treatment services and recovery supports.

The Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse will expand its faith-based network by working with the existing Committed Caring Faith Communities and the Missouri Faith Community Substance Abuse Resource Network to recruit and train new providers. Training will also be delivered to traditional providers on working with faith-based organizations and the advantages they afford. All providers will be required to meet existing standards or newly established standards and criteria in order to participate in the Access to Recovery program.

Recovery supports will be an integral part of the Access to Recovery program. The Division is currently developing the criteria for recruiting and enrolling recovery support providers.

An evaluation component must also be in place to track clients while they are engaged in treatment to ensure programs are demonstrating effective treatment that leads to recovery as measured by seven outcome domains:

Abstinence from Drug and Alcohol Use
Employment/Education
Criminal Activity
Family and Living Conditions
Social Supports of Recovery
Access/Capacity
Retention in Treatment

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